

## Program Service Extension

The Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Program began providing Early Intensive Behavior Intervention (EIBI) services in January 2007. Although many children have since benefited from this program, some of the recipients have been unable to have their Initial Assessments completed in a timely manner after the child's enrollment into the PDD Program. In an effort to address this situation, DDSN established the PDD Program Service Extension. The specifics of the protocol are as follows:

- Upon request from the child's Case Manager or parents/legal guardian, the Autism Division PDD Consultant will review occurrences of service delays to determine if an extension of a child's service period is appropriate. For the purpose of this protocol, a service delay is determined by calculating the difference between the number of days from a child's enrollment date and their Initial Assessment date, the first EIBI service. The maximum number of days a program can be extended is 180 days.
- If a parent/legal guardian and/or Case Manager believe the child's case should be reviewed, the Case Manager should submit that child's name to the Autism Division PDD Consultant at [PDDInfo@ddsn.sc.gov](mailto:PDDInfo@ddsn.sc.gov) and request that the case be reviewed for an extension.
- Once a child reaches their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, their case cannot be reviewed as all PDD services end at age 11. If EIBI services to a child have been extended and the child reaches their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, the services will be terminated at that time. This termination will occur even if the extended period has not been completed.
- If a program extension is granted, the Case Manager will receive written notification that specifies the length of the extension and the dates used to calculate the extension period. The Case Manager should share this information with the child's parents/legal guardians. Once this extension period ends, no further extensions will be granted.
- If no extension is granted, the Case Manager will receive written notification. The Case Manager should share this information with the child's parents/legal guardians.
- If a child is receiving PDD EIBI Waiver services, the Case Manager will be instructed to terminate Waiver Case Management, terminate EIBI waiver services, disenroll the child from the PDD waiver, and authorize EIBI State Funded services. This authorization should specify the number of days EIBI services have been extended. During this expansion period, Case Management should be billed as Targeted Case Management. The EIBI termination, disenrollment and new authorization should be forwarded to all appropriate individuals.
- If a child is receiving PDD EIBI State Funded services, the Case Manager will be instructed to issue a new authorization for EIBI State Funded services. This authorization should specify the number of days EIBI services have been extended. The new authorization should be forwarded to all appropriate individuals.
- During this extension period no assessments should be authorized, only State Funded EIBI Plan Implementation, EIBI Lead Therapy, and EIBI Line Therapy.